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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an Amendment After A Final Office Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AFTER A FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on  
October 22, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend without prejudice claim 7 as follows.

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7. (Twice Amended) A device for activating an electromagnetic consumer having a movable  
element, the electromagnetic consumer including a solenoid valve for controlling a metering  
of fuel into an internal combustion engine, the device comprising:

a control unit to determine a duration of a time window such that a current flowing  
through the consumer during the time window does not exceed a threshold value and to  
determine a switching instant at which the movable element has reached a particular position  
within the time window.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 are pending.

It is believed that this Amendment does not raise new issues that would require further  
consideration and/or search, and also does not raise the issue of new matter. It is also